the scheme, 50% subsidy provided by the States/UTs to the affected farmers on the cost of diesel will be borne by the Government of India, subject to a maximum amount of 7.50 per litre of diesel. The scheme was to operate on reimbursement basis and the State Government/UT. Administrations were required to claim reimbursement for getting Government of India's share of the subsidy so paid after full disbursement of the subsidy amount. The scheme was upto 30.09.2009. No proposals have so far been received from any State Government for reimbursement.

Implementation of proposals under RKVY in Kerala

1683. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether competent authority of Kerala had submitted schemes for assistance under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) after the report submitted by M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation regarding Kuttanad and Idukki packages;

(b) if so, the details of the assistance sought and action taken thereon;

(c) whether steps will be taken in affirmative to the above proposals under RKVY;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (e) State Government of Kerala submitted certain proposals for funding by Government of India out of Kuttanad and Idukki package.

Following projects, out of the proposals submitted to Government of India, were considered for funding under RKVY scheme:

1. Paddy Cultivation in Onattukara Costing Rs.1200 lakhs
2. Sesamum cultivation in Onatatukara costing Rs.60 lakhs
3. Establishing Centre for Farm Machinery Research, Development and Training costing Rs. 624 lakhs.
4. Agriculture Mechanization costing Rs.8500 lakhs.

RKVY, launched during August 2007, provides for projects to be approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary, and not directly by the Government of India. Accordingly, these proposals were forwarded to Government of Kerala for consideration under RKVY.

Inclusion of Thrissur, Malappuram and Kuttanad districts of Kerala under NFSM

1684. SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:
SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: